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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS CASES: RORY AND MARIA ANTONIETA CESPEDES CHUNG
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1. TWO ITEMS CONCERNING THESE CASES APPEARED IN THE LIMA PRESS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. LIMA DAILY "LA PRENSA" REPORTED JAN 5 THAT ANTONIETA CHUNG DE CESPEDES, MOTHER OF RORY AND MARIA ANTONIETA, APPEARED BEFORE THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. MRS. CESPEDES TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HER SON AND DAUGHTER WERE SHOT IN THEIR OWN LIVING QUARTERS BECAUSE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE CONNECTED WITH GUERRILLAS. SHE ALSO ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO HAVE THE BODIES DELIVERED TO PERU FOR BURIAL. DR. LUCIO GALARZA VILLAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, INDICATED THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD ASK THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR REPORTS ON THESE CASES. RICARDO SANDOVAL, ANOTHER PERUVIAN STUDENT IN ROSARIO, ALSO TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. HE TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD BEEN TORTURED BY ARGENTINE POLICE FOR 6 DAYS, BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED AND EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY WHEN HE WAS FOUND NOT TO BE INVOLVED WITH GUERRILLAS.

3. JAN 15 ISSUE OF MAGAZINE "GENTE" CONTAINED AN INTERVIEW WITH RICARDO SANDOVAL. SANDOVAL SAID THAT HE AND THE CESPEDES HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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GONE TO ARGENTINA TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ROSARIO PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM STUDENTS INVOLVED IN

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POLITICS. HE SAID THAT MARIA ANTONIETA WAS HIS FIANCEE AND THAT HE AND RORY HAD RENTED A HOUSE TOGETHER (MARIA ANTONIETA LIVED AT ANOTHER LOCATION). ACCORDING TO HIS ACCOUNT, SANDOVAL RETURNED TO THE RENTED HOUSE MORNING OF DEC 16, 1978 TO FIND IT SURROUNDED BY MORE THAN 50 POLICE. POLICE OFFICERS TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD KILLED THREE EXTREMISTS IN THE HOUSE. THEY TOOK HIM PRISONER WHEN HE ARGUED THAT THIS COULD NOT BE TRUE SINCE THE ONLY PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOUSE WERE ANOTHER PERUVIAN STUDENT AND HIMSELF.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSEQUENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE CESPEDES AND SANDOVAL CASES. SHLAUDEMAN

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